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### **Missouri Counties Among Nation's Leaders in Population Growth**

Jefferson City - - Two Missouri counties--Lincoln and Christian--were among the nation's 100 fastest-growing counties between April 1, 2000 and July 1, 2003, according to new population estimates released today by the Missouri Office of Administration and the U.S. Census Bureau. The two ranked 70<sup>th</sup> and 71<sup>st</sup>, respectively, in percentage growth.

In Missouri, the ten fastest-growing counties in percentage terms were Lincoln (13.5%), Christian (13.4%), Pulaski (9.9%), St. Charles (9.7%), Warren (9.5%), Cass (8.2%), Platte (7.6%), Mississippi (7.1%), Webster (6.7%), and Clinton (6.1%). All of these counties, except Mississippi and Pulaski, are in the Kansas City, St. Louis, and Springfield metropolitan areas. Growth in Mississippi County came as a result of an expanding inmate population at the new state prison in Charleston. Pulaski County experienced gains in military personnel at Fort Leonard Wood.

In terms of numerical population growth, St. Charles County led all Missouri counties by a wide margin, gaining nearly 28,000 persons. Clay County was 2<sup>nd</sup>, with an increase of 10,000 persons.

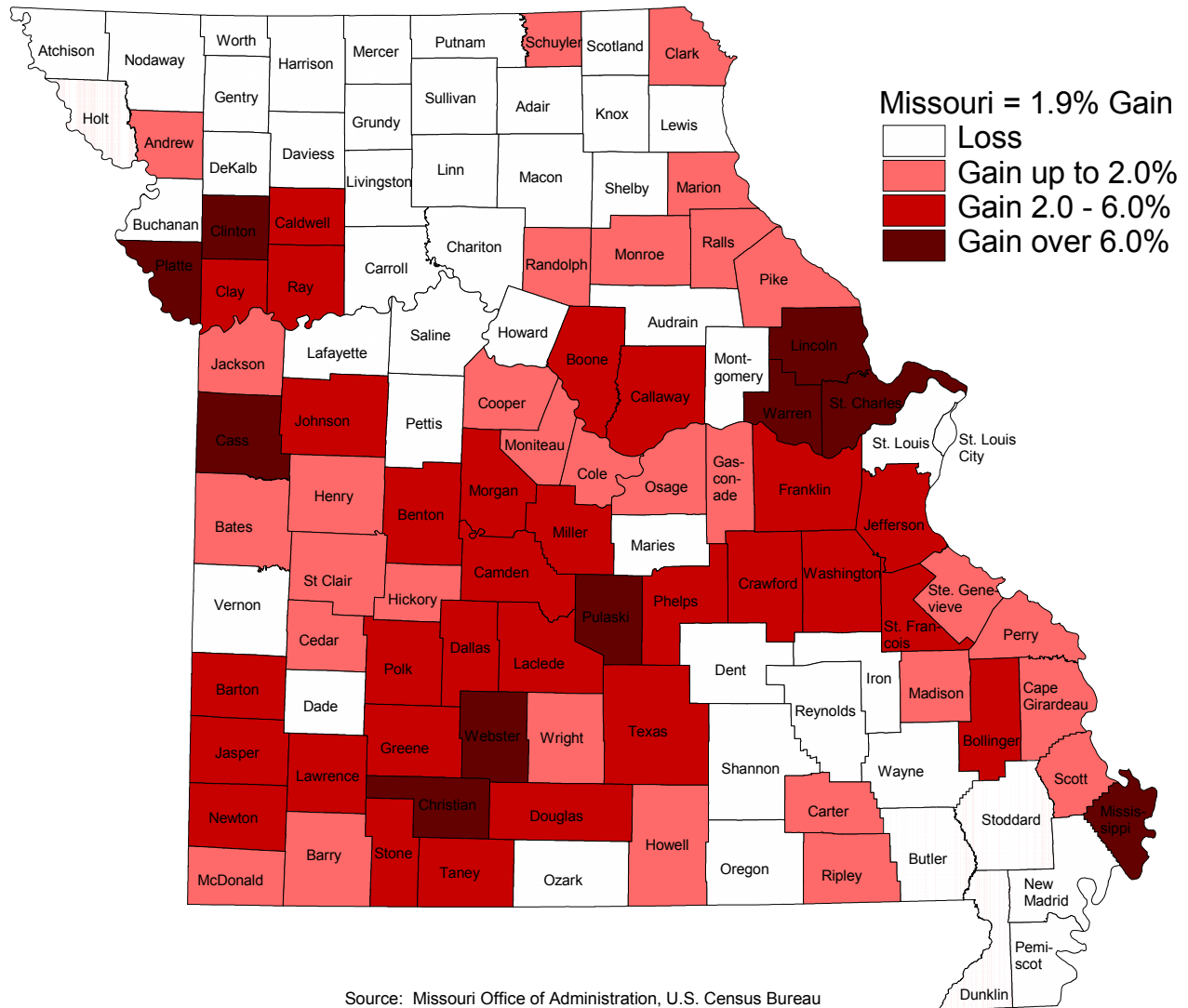
Missouri as a whole grew by a significant amount over the three-year, three-month period. Its population increased by over 100,000 to a total of 5.7 million on July 1, 2003, giving it a ranking of 23<sup>rd</sup> among all states in total growth. Most of the growth was due to a natural increase (births minus deaths) of 65,000 persons, but there was also substantial migration growth. An estimated 43,000 more persons moved into the state than out of it during this period.

Population estimates are prepared in the years between censuses by the Office of Administration in a cooperative program with the Census Bureau. The estimates are based on the last census and are updated with demographic procedures using administrative data, such as birth and death records and institutional survey results.

The new Missouri estimates are presented in the following population change map and table. Additional demographic information for Missouri and other areas in the United States is available by clicking on the "Estimates" box at the Missouri Census Data Center's Web site: [mcdc.missouri.edu](http://mcdc.missouri.edu).

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## Percent Population Change: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2003



Source: Missouri Office of Administration, U.S. Census Bureau

**Missouri County Populations and Components of Change: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2003**

| Area                  | Population               |                                      |                 |                   | Components of Change |                |                               |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
|                       | July 1, 2003<br>Estimate | April 1, 2000<br>Census <sup>a</sup> | Total<br>Change | Percent<br>Change | Births               | Deaths         | Net<br>Migration <sup>b</sup> |
| <b>Missouri</b>       | <b>5,704,484</b>         | <b>5,596,683</b>                     | <b>107,801</b>  | <b>1.9%</b>       | <b>245,375</b>       | <b>180,689</b> | <b>43,115</b>                 |
| Adair County          | 24,790                   | 24,977                               | -187            | -0.7%             | 889                  | 765            | -311                          |
| Andrew County         | 16,813                   | 16,492                               | 321             | 1.9%              | 549                  | 555            | 327                           |
| Atchison County       | 6,286                    | 6,431                                | -145            | -2.3%             | 218                  | 305            | -58                           |
| Audrain County        | 25,716                   | 25,853                               | -137            | -0.5%             | 1,153                | 899            | -391                          |
| Barry County          | 34,629                   | 34,010                               | 619             | 1.8%              | 1,463                | 1,140          | 296                           |
| Barton County         | 12,999                   | 12,541                               | 458             | 3.7%              | 549                  | 438            | 347                           |
| Bates County          | 16,937                   | 16,653                               | 284             | 1.7%              | 688                  | 743            | 339                           |
| Benton County         | 18,076                   | 17,180                               | 896             | 5.2%              | 483                  | 798            | 1,211                         |
| Bollinger County      | 12,318                   | 12,029                               | 289             | 2.4%              | 486                  | 428            | 231                           |
| Boone County          | 141,122                  | 135,454                              | 5,668           | 4.2%              | 5,675                | 2,780          | 2,773                         |
| Buchanan County       | 84,909                   | 85,998                               | -1,089          | -1.3%             | 3,567                | 3,070          | -1,586                        |
| Butler County         | 40,854                   | 40,867                               | -13             | 0.0%              | 1,798                | 1,714          | -97                           |
| Caldwell County       | 9,159                    | 8,969                                | 190             | 2.1%              | 377                  | 363            | 176                           |
| Callaway County       | 42,225                   | 40,766                               | 1,459           | 3.6%              | 1,590                | 1,155          | 1,024                         |
| Camden County         | 38,302                   | 37,051                               | 1,251           | 3.4%              | 1,151                | 1,173          | 1,273                         |
| Cape Girardeau County | 69,876                   | 68,693                               | 1,183           | 1.7%              | 2,916                | 2,260          | 527                           |
| Carroll County        | 10,149                   | 10,285                               | -136            | -1.3%             | 363                  | 453            | -46                           |
| Carter County         | 5,974                    | 5,941                                | 33              | 0.6%              | 250                  | 243            | 26                            |
| Cass County           | 88,834                   | 82,092                               | 6,742           | 8.2%              | 3,579                | 2,359          | 5,522                         |
| Cedar County          | 13,838                   | 13,733                               | 105             | 0.8%              | 476                  | 644            | 273                           |
| Chariton County       | 8,251                    | 8,438                                | -187            | -2.2%             | 248                  | 442            | 7                             |
| Christian County      | 61,571                   | 54,285                               | 7,286           | 13.4%             | 2,664                | 1,321          | 5,943                         |
| Clark County          | 7,420                    | 7,416                                | 4               | 0.1%              | 274                  | 256            | -14                           |
| Clay County           | 194,247                  | 184,006                              | 10,241          | 5.6%              | 9,043                | 4,647          | 5,845                         |
| Clinton County        | 20,140                   | 18,979                               | 1,161           | 6.1%              | 810                  | 657            | 1,008                         |
| Cole County           | 72,454                   | 71,397                               | 1,057           | 1.5%              | 2,969                | 2,030          | 118                           |
| Cooper County         | 17,009                   | 16,670                               | 339             | 2.0%              | 601                  | 553            | 291                           |
| Crawford County       | 23,513                   | 22,804                               | 709             | 3.1%              | 965                  | 855            | 599                           |
| Dade County           | 7,845                    | 7,923                                | -78             | -1.0%             | 254                  | 418            | 86                            |
| Dallas County         | 16,113                   | 15,661                               | 452             | 2.9%              | 692                  | 580            | 340                           |
| Daviess County        | 8,004                    | 8,016                                | -12             | -0.1%             | 379                  | 316            | -75                           |
| DeKalb County         | 13,063                   | 13,073                               | -10             | -0.1%             | 348                  | 370            | 12                            |
| Dent County           | 14,921                   | 14,927                               | -6              | 0.0%              | 571                  | 724            | 147                           |
| Douglas County        | 13,363                   | 13,084                               | 279             | 2.1%              | 425                  | 495            | 349                           |
| Dunklin County        | 32,654                   | 33,155                               | -501            | -1.5%             | 1,527                | 1,508          | -520                          |
| Franklin County       | 96,905                   | 93,807                               | 3,098           | 3.3%              | 4,166                | 2,917          | 1,849                         |
| Gasconade County      | 15,542                   | 15,342                               | 200             | 1.3%              | 548                  | 671            | 323                           |
| Gentry County         | 6,566                    | 6,861                                | -295            | -4.3%             | 228                  | 306            | -217                          |
| Greene County         | 245,765                  | 240,391                              | 5,374           | 2.2%              | 9,742                | 7,899          | 3,531                         |
| Grundy County         | 10,311                   | 10,432                               | -121            | -1.2%             | 398                  | 483            | -36                           |
| Harrison County       | 8,828                    | 8,850                                | -22             | -0.2%             | 322                  | 421            | 77                            |
| Henry County          | 22,419                   | 21,997                               | 422             | 1.9%              | 976                  | 947            | 393                           |
| Hickory County        | 9,005                    | 8,940                                | 65              | 0.7%              | 243                  | 458            | 280                           |
| Holt County           | 5,145                    | 5,351                                | -206            | -3.8%             | 138                  | 209            | -135                          |
| Howard County         | 10,007                   | 10,212                               | -205            | -2.0%             | 356                  | 308            | -253                          |
| Howell County         | 37,499                   | 37,238                               | 261             | 0.7%              | 1,481                | 1,525          | 305                           |
| Iron County           | 10,306                   | 10,697                               | -391            | -3.7%             | 412                  | 555            | -248                          |
| Jackson County        | 659,723                  | 654,880                              | 4,843           | 0.7%              | 33,426               | 20,044         | -8,539                        |
| Jasper County         | 108,112                  | 104,686                              | 3,426           | 3.3%              | 5,496                | 3,613          | 1,543                         |
| Jefferson County      | 206,786                  | 198,099                              | 8,687           | 4.4%              | 8,493                | 4,975          | 5,169                         |
| Johnson County        | 50,262                   | 48,258                               | 2,004           | 4.2%              | 2,230                | 1,076          | 850                           |
| Knox County           | 4,311                    | 4,361                                | -50             | -1.1%             | 195                  | 204            | -41                           |
| Laclede County        | 33,326                   | 32,513                               | 813             | 2.5%              | 1,392                | 1,107          | 528                           |
| Lafayette County      | 32,951                   | 32,960                               | -9              | 0.0%              | 1,309                | 1,278          | -40                           |
| Lawrence County       | 36,426                   | 35,204                               | 1,222           | 3.5%              | 1,557                | 1,391          | 1,056                         |
| Lewis County          | 10,226                   | 10,494                               | -268            | -2.6%             | 334                  | 356            | -246                          |
| Lincoln County        | 44,207                   | 38,944                               | 5,263           | 13.5%             | 1,856                | 1,047          | 4,454                         |
| Linn County           | 13,460                   | 13,754                               | -294            | -2.1%             | 586                  | 668            | -212                          |
| Livingston County     | 14,387                   | 14,558                               | -171            | -1.2%             | 526                  | 550            | -147                          |

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| McDonald County       | 21,973                   | 21,681                               | 292             | 1.3%              | 1,159                | 656    | -211                          |
| Macon County          | 15,577                   | 15,762                               | -185            | -1.2%             | 615                  | 742    | -58                           |
| Madison County        | 11,804                   | 11,800                               | 4               | 0.0%              | 448                  | 472    | 28                            |
| Maries County         | 8,841                    | 8,903                                | -62             | -0.7%             | 355                  | 307    | -110                          |
| Marion County         | 28,289                   | 28,289                               | 0               | 0.0%              | 1,367                | 1,085  | -282                          |
| Mercer County         | 3,596                    | 3,757                                | -161            | -4.3%             | 110                  | 150    | -121                          |
| Miller County         | 24,255                   | 23,564                               | 691             | 2.9%              | 1,018                | 897    | 570                           |
| Mississippi County    | 14,386                   | 13,427                               | 959             | 7.1%              | 703                  | 541    | 797                           |
| Moniteau County       | 14,965                   | 14,827                               | 138             | 0.9%              | 593                  | 486    | 31                            |
| Monroe County         | 9,396                    | 9,311                                | 85              | 0.9%              | 383                  | 362    | 64                            |
| Montgomery County     | 12,068                   | 12,136                               | -68             | -0.6%             | 528                  | 525    | -71                           |
| Morgan County         | 20,000                   | 19,309                               | 691             | 3.6%              | 736                  | 846    | 801                           |
| New Madrid County     | 19,187                   | 19,760                               | -573            | -2.9%             | 801                  | 845    | -529                          |
| Newton County         | 54,033                   | 52,636                               | 1,397           | 2.7%              | 2,342                | 1,803  | 858                           |
| Nodaway County        | 21,743                   | 21,912                               | -169            | -0.8%             | 694                  | 634    | -229                          |
| Oregon County         | 10,301                   | 10,344                               | -43             | -0.4%             | 354                  | 473    | 76                            |
| Osage County          | 13,134                   | 13,062                               | 72              | 0.6%              | 504                  | 425    | -7                            |
| Ozark County          | 9,498                    | 9,542                                | -44             | -0.5%             | 332                  | 397    | 21                            |
| Pemiscot County       | 19,729                   | 20,047                               | -318            | -1.6%             | 1,161                | 757    | -722                          |
| Perry County          | 18,225                   | 18,132                               | 93              | 0.5%              | 816                  | 635    | -88                           |
| Pettis County         | 39,344                   | 39,403                               | -59             | -0.1%             | 1,784                | 1,397  | -446                          |
| Phelps County         | 41,668                   | 39,825                               | 1,843           | 4.6%              | 1,605                | 1,417  | 1,655                         |
| Pike County           | 18,519                   | 18,351                               | 168             | 0.9%              | 685                  | 637    | 120                           |
| Platte County         | 79,390                   | 73,781                               | 5,609           | 7.6%              | 3,355                | 1,548  | 3,802                         |
| Polk County           | 28,081                   | 26,992                               | 1,089           | 4.0%              | 1,100                | 892    | 881                           |
| Pulaski County        | 45,254                   | 41,165                               | 4,089           | 9.9%              | 1,968                | 944    | 3,065                         |
| Putnam County         | 5,148                    | 5,223                                | -75             | -1.4%             | 186                  | 253    | -8                            |
| Ralls County          | 9,653                    | 9,626                                | 27              | 0.3%              | 261                  | 332    | 98                            |
| Randolph County       | 25,045                   | 24,663                               | 382             | 1.5%              | 1,124                | 967    | 225                           |
| Ray County            | 23,926                   | 23,354                               | 572             | 2.4%              | 921                  | 723    | 374                           |
| Reynolds County       | 6,581                    | 6,689                                | -108            | -1.6%             | 239                  | 273    | -74                           |
| Ripley County         | 13,781                   | 13,509                               | 272             | 2.0%              | 602                  | 582    | 252                           |
| St. Charles County    | 311,531                  | 283,893                              | 27,638          | 9.7%              | 13,486               | 5,497  | 19,649                        |
| St. Clair County      | 9,679                    | 9,652                                | 27              | 0.3%              | 322                  | 436    | 141                           |
| Ste. Genevieve County | 18,094                   | 17,842                               | 252             | 1.4%              | 586                  | 651    | 317                           |
| St. Francois County   | 57,929                   | 55,641                               | 2,288           | 4.1%              | 2,354                | 2,379  | 2,313                         |
| St. Louis County      | 1,013,123                | 1,016,300                            | -3,177          | -0.3%             | 40,763               | 31,888 | -12,052                       |
| Saline County         | 22,887                   | 23,756                               | -869            | -3.7%             | 972                  | 947    | -894                          |
| Schuyler County       | 4,209                    | 4,170                                | 39              | 0.9%              | 142                  | 184    | 81                            |
| Scotland County       | 4,905                    | 4,983                                | -78             | -1.6%             | 206                  | 248    | -36                           |
| Scott County          | 40,779                   | 40,422                               | 357             | 0.9%              | 1,873                | 1,265  | -251                          |
| Shannon County        | 8,293                    | 8,324                                | -31             | -0.4%             | 302                  | 295    | -38                           |
| Shelby County         | 6,702                    | 6,799                                | -97             | -1.4%             | 276                  | 285    | -88                           |
| Stoddard County       | 29,626                   | 29,705                               | -79             | -0.3%             | 1,016                | 1,255  | 160                           |
| Stone County          | 29,941                   | 28,658                               | 1,283           | 4.5%              | 911                  | 1,062  | 1,434                         |
| Sullivan County       | 7,080                    | 7,219                                | -139            | -1.9%             | 363                  | 307    | -195                          |
| Taney County          | 41,403                   | 39,703                               | 1,700           | 4.3%              | 1,795                | 1,466  | 1,371                         |
| Texas County          | 24,142                   | 23,003                               | 1,139           | 5.0%              | 882                  | 901    | 1,158                         |
| Vernon County         | 20,283                   | 20,454                               | -171            | -0.8%             | 842                  | 750    | -263                          |
| Warren County         | 26,862                   | 24,525                               | 2,337           | 9.5%              | 1,064                | 671    | 1,944                         |
| Washington County     | 23,884                   | 23,344                               | 540             | 2.3%              | 1,075                | 699    | 164                           |
| Wayne County          | 13,090                   | 13,259                               | -169            | -1.3%             | 562                  | 611    | -120                          |
| Webster County        | 33,124                   | 31,045                               | 2,079           | 6.7%              | 1,516                | 871    | 1,434                         |
| Worth County          | 2,270                    | 2,382                                | -112            | -4.7%             | 60                   | 121    | -51                           |
| Wright County         | 18,186                   | 17,955                               | 231             | 1.3%              | 829                  | 691    | 93                            |
| St. Louis city        | 332,223                  | 348,189                              | -15,966         | -4.6%             | 17,929               | 13,741 | -20,154                       |

<sup>a</sup> Reflects changes to the census from the Count Question Resolution Program and geographic program revisions.

<sup>b</sup> Includes domestic and international migration, and a small residual adjustment.

Source: Missouri Office of Administration, U.S. Census Bureau